

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 25 and ending on page 16, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

The uppermost curve in Fig. 6a shows measurements obtained with a liquid barrier that had been treated with ~~Vaseline~~ VASELINE petroleum jelly. ~~Vaseline~~ VASELINE petroleum jelly has a wetting angle of 100°. The ~~Vaseline~~ VASELINE petroleum jelly partially blocks the pores, i.e. reduces the pore radius, and also smears the wearer's skin, thereby increasing the wetting angle of the liquid to the skin. As will be evident from the diagram shown in Fig. 6a, there is obtained a significant improvement that exceeds the improvement achieved when only the wetting angle of the skin is changed, despite obtaining, at the same time, a reduction in the wetting angle of the barrier by virtue of the ~~Vaseline~~ VASELINE petroleum jelly also smearing the liquid barrier and therewith lowering its wetting angle from 120° to 100°.